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Office for River Basin Cooperation

Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423 - 0001

Re: CZM File No. CZ7: FPL

Dear Secretary Williams,

The Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program has received information in this office on September 10, 2003, concerning the **Notice of Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc. for Exemption of Abandonment from Regulation Pursuant to 49 CFR Section 1152.50, Docket No. AB-854 (X)**. This information was sent for our Program's federal consistency determination as required under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and the regulations at 15 CFR Subpart D -- Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit.

The aforementioned railroad abandonment in Elk and Cameron Counties, Pennsylvania is located outside of Pennsylvania's coastal zones, and will not impact upon them. As such, we have determined that this railroad abandonment is consistent with Pennsylvania's CZM Program.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Planner
Coastal Zone Management Program